



WINTER REFLECTIONS: The stark lines of snow-fencing and a winter sunset combine to present this desolate scene along Lake Michigan shore at Silver Beach in St. Joseph. Not a person was in

sight when picture was taken—a crisp contrast from summer months when area residents flock to the beaches in search of the sun. (Staff photo by Wesley Stafford)



THOMAS E. BRENNAN
Michigan Chief Justice

Chief Justice Asks Parole Suspension

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State Can't Handle Convicts

By A.F. MAHAN
DETROIT (AP) — Chief Justice Thomas E. Brennan of the Michigan Supreme Court proposed Wednesday that Michigan judges declare an immediate moratorium on probation and parole.

Brennan said the number placed on probation and parole should be limited to the number

which it is possible for the state's force of probation officers to handle efficiently. He said there already is an insufficiency of probation officers.

He suggested that all others convicted of crime go to prison. The chief justice also proposed speeding up trials in criminal cases and said the Legislature will be asked for \$1.5 million for

a "crash program in Wayne County over the next year" to current and to permit quicker make criminal court dockets trials.

LONG DELAY
He told a news conference the delay between arrest and trial in Wayne County Recorder's (criminal) Court in Detroit is approaching six months.

Brennan said at almost any given time, 4,500 cases are awaiting trial in Recorder's Court and that under his proposed crash program, outstate and retired judges and other judicial personnel picked by the Supreme Court would attempt to bring the criminal docket to a current status.

The supreme court administrator is working on details of a proposed crash program and has the cooperation of Wayne and outstate judges, Brennan said.

Brennan added that he had (See back page, sec. 1, col. 5)



G. MENNEN WILLIAMS

Police Chief In Hospital

WATERVLIET — Victor Bianchi, Watervliet police chief, was to undergo surgery today at Watervliet Community hospital. He was injured in a fall while answering a call last week. Bianchi entered the hospital yesterday and was reported in good condition.

NEW STUDY FINDS KERNER REPORT IS LARGELY UNHEEDED

West Berliners Welcome Nixon

Trip Through Divided City Close To Triumphant

BERLIN (AP)—President Nixon made a wide swing through the outpost city of West Berlin today to show America's concern for its freedom. The West Berliners gave him a rousing welcome.

Delay Apollo Flight Until Monday

CAPE Kennedy, Fla. (AP) — The space agency today postponed the Apollo 9 launching three days, from Friday until Monday, because of colds suffered by the three astronauts who are to fly the 10-day earth orbit mission.

The launch was reset for 11 a.m. EST Monday.

The decision was made after doctors examined the three astronauts, Air Force Col. James A. McDivitt and David R. Scott and civilian Russell L. Schweickart.

The trio came down with sore throats and stuffy noses Wednesday.

"Our commitment to the freedom of Berlin," Nixon told a cheering crowd of 6,000 at an electrical appliance factory, "has never been more steady, never more firm than it is today."

The crowd of workers greeted the President with a long burst of applause as he appeared and then interrupted his speech frequently with their noisy approval.

Nixon's trip through the city, closely guarded by some 7,000 Berlin policemen, was almost a triumphal march, but a group of students added a sour note as the procession passed the bombed-out Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, now a monument to peace.

The students shouted a few Sieg Heils and other uncompromising remarks as the President passed, pelted policemen with nail-filled snowballs and threw some paint into the street. But it was a weak effort by 200 or 300 students. Other Berliners scuffled with the youths, and police arrested about 22 persons.

JUST LIKE CAMPAIGN

Acting like an old campaigner, Nixon hopped in and out of his heavily guarded limousine to shake hands with Berliners, pat youthful heads and exchange smiles.

And from the moment he landed in Air Force One at Tempelhof Airport, he emphasized again and again that his administration is dedicated to the old American pledge that "the people of the United States stand with you in the defense of freedom."

He insisted he was speaking in no "spirit of bravado or belligerence."

"I am simply stating an irrevocable fact of international life," he declared.

Over and over, he repeated his message:

"No one should doubt the



SWASTIKA: Students in Rome watch two other students hang a cloth, with slogan reading "Nixon Hangman" from window of university Wednesday. X in Nixon's name has been changed to a swastika. The President arrived in Rome today after visiting Berlin. (AP Wirephoto)

determination of the United States to live up to its obligations.

'BERLIN SHALL LIVE'

"For more than a generation, we have pledged American lives to an ideal and a reality: that

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Nation Now Closer To 2 Societies

Police Improve In Handling Of Disorders

By JOSEPH E. MOHBAIT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Kerner Commission's warning of an American Society sharply divided by race goes largely unheeded one year later, an independent follow-up study concluded today.

The grim finding that the nation's blacks and whites continue to drift dangerously apart contained still another warning:

"The nation in its neglect may be sowing the seeds of unprecedented future disorder and division."

The report, called "One Year Later," was issued by Urban America, Inc., and The Urban Coalition, nonprofit Washington organizations dealing with city problems.

RIOTS STUDIED

It was published one year after the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders—called the Kerner commission after its chairman, Illinois Gov. Otto Kerner—handed down its report on the causes of rioting that had rocked the nation's cities in recent summers.

The Kerner commission, with a controversial indictment of "white racism" as an underlying cause, concluded that "Our nation is moving toward two societies, one black, one white—separate and unequal."

Today, the progress report concluded:

A year later, we are a year closer to being two societies, black and white, increasingly separate and scarcely less unequal."

It said the commission had accurately prophesied the result of the continuation of policies prevalent at the time: "Some change but not enough; more incidents but less full-scale disorder because of improved police and military response; a decline in expectations and therefore in short-run frustrations."

Racial problems, the report said, were foremost on the national conscience after the assassination in April of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. But this changed after the slaying in June of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. Crime became the prime topic—as well as the prime issue in the presidential campaign.

"By the end of 1968," the progress report said, "it was evident that millions of white Americans were tired of hearing about these conditions" of slum-ghetto life.

Two members of the Kerner commission—Mayor John V. Lindsay of New York and Sen. Fred R. Harris, D-Okla.—were on the advisory board assisting in "One Year Later."

LOUD SILENCE
The Kerner Commission was created by former President

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Some Good Signs

Here 'One Year Later'

The so-called Kerner report has been updated. The National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders made its report to President Johnson and the nation on Feb. 29, 1968. Being published today is "One Year Later," an assessment of where the nation stands a year later in relation to the commission's diagnosis and warnings.

Sponsors of "One Year Later" are Urban American and the Urban Coalition, private non-profit organizations. They find that the nation has taken some steps toward eliminating racial discrimination and poverty in the center city. But they conclude that "progress in dealing with the conditions of slum-ghetto life has been nowhere in scale with the problems."

The Kerner commission was named after Gov. Otto Kerner (D) of Illinois, its chairman. Without mincing words, the commission said in 1968 that "This is our basic conclusion: Our nation is moving toward two societies, one black, one white — separate and unequal."

The alternative to this "polarization" was a "commitment to national action — compassionate, massive, and sustained." It would be expensive, requiring "unprecedented levels of funding," but the "nation has substantial financial resources . . . in spite of a war and in spite of current budget requirements."

An Associated Press article starting on page 1 today describes what Urban American and the Urban Coalition think the situation is "One Year Later." Some bright spots, but, in general, not encouraging.

Perhaps one of the most interesting points arises in connection with the statement that there has been some progress in providing jobs for the hard-core unemployed. The public sector has lagged behind business efforts in job recruitment.

This finding would appear to give added significance to President Richard Nixon's heavy reliance on private industry to fight ghettoism. Further, it highlights works of groups like the Twin Cities' Area Resources Improvement Council (ARIC). This non-profit corporation was formed about two years ago by Berrien county industrial executives to attack problems of physical and cultural blight, and unemployment.

Headed by Elisha Gray II, board chairman of Whirlpool Corp., ARIC has spent thousands of dollars and untold executive man hours attacking problems in housing, education, employment, personal rehabilitation, law enforcement and welfare.

ARIC has been particularly successful in instituting and supporting job programs for youth, as well as for adult unemployed. It sponsored establishment of a day-care center now being built.

The fact that Benton Harbor and Benton township are proceeding now on a Model City program, to be financed by federal millions, is in no small part due to technical and other help from ARIC.

Other private firms have contributed here independently. Perhaps chief among them are the Miller industries, so named after the brothers who run them — Stanley and Victor Miller. The Miller industries include three of Benton Harbor's biggest industries: V-M Corp., Modern Plastics and New Products. Besides large (but always anonymous) grants to civic projects, the firms have done a good job in the fields of minority and handicapped employment.

This is not to say that the local community does not continue to have a difficult job ahead. But it does seem to have the jump on many other similar communities.

Certainly, the muscle and co-operation exhibited here exceeds that which the Kerner commission descendants find in most other parts of the nation.

Ultimate solution will require trial and error, some false starts, a continual search for financing and lots of good will and dedication all around. But increasingly all sectors of the local community are being drawn into the effort. And that's a good sign.

Proliferating Authorities

Most American history books divide the United States government into three branches: executive, legislative and judicial. They overlook the fourth, the authority.

Authorities have been created in such proliferation in recent decades, and with such wide reaching powers, that it is not out of line to refer to them as the fourth branch of government, and to wonder whether it is not time for the public to say something about the way they conduct their business.

Originally created for the most part as the body responsible for conducting a certain type of government business, usually one which operated public facilities on a self sustaining basis, authorities today can be found in nearly every area of public enterprise. Many of their more recent activities involve considerable subsidies from state or federal treasuries.

Authorities may or may not be approved by the voters. Once they are established, the citizen has no say over their operations and, in fact, seldom sees any information about them.

If, as seems inevitable, authorities are here to stay, some mechanism should be established for a periodic review by the man most interested in their operations, the voter.

Well, Now, Isn't This Nice, Cozy?

John S. Eisenhower, whose son married President Nixon's daughter, is named ambassador to Belgium. Nothing like keeping things in the family.



GLANCING BACKWARDS

GAS STATIONS CUT PRICES BY 2 CENTS

—1 Year Ago—
Stations pumping major brands of gasoline in the Twin Cities area have cut prices two cents a gallon making the price for regular 34.9 cents and premium 38.9 cents.

Several suppliers and retailers were contacted and all said the reduction was made to make major brand gasoline more competitive with independent stations that specialize in selling only gasoline.

LINCOLN LIBRARY GOES ON BALLOT

—10 Years Ago—
Lincoln township property owners will decide in April 6 election if the township will have a tax supported library. Petitions requesting a referendum on a special half mill levy to establish and support a library were submitted to the township clerk Thursday.

The move assured the proposal a place on the spring ballot. Township board members gave their endorsement to the library plan Feb. 10. The half-mill tax would provide about \$7,000 a year for library operation.

REDS REPULSE NAZI ATTACKS

—25 Years Ago—
Russian armies massed along the 400-mile-long front between Pskov and Rogachev are pressing westward in White Russia toward Latvia and the northern part of Poland despite increased German resistance, a Moscow communique said.

German commanders threw fresh reinforcements into the Rogachev area yesterday in a futile attempt to seal the gap torn in their lines by Gen. Constantine Rokossovsky's First White Russian army Thursday.

CENTENNIAL DINNER

—35 Years Ago—
The date for the St. Joseph

Factographs

More than 8/10ths of the population of Rhode Island lives in urban areas.

Ahmedabad is a city in India with over a million population.

Alexander the Great conquered Greece, Persia, Egypt and part of India in the period 334-323 B.C.

HENRY CATHCART

Inside Washington

WASHINGTON — New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller came to Washington recently and, amidst much publicity, proposed that the 10 per cent surtax by retained permanently with revenues — about \$9 billion to the states for education. Rockefeller also proposed that the federal government embark on a new welfare program at a cost of \$11 billions annually.

The proposals raised a lot of eyebrows in the capital, not because they lacked merit (Rockefeller's proposals almost always were based on good research and a serious need) but because they were made at a time when President Nixon's administration is deeply involved in determining policies in both of these areas.

They caused a renewed discussion about the curious relationship that exists between Rockefeller and President Nixon in which the former seems determined to propose solutions which the latter cannot hope to match. It almost seems as if

Rocky wants to put the President in a position where whatever his administration ultimately proposes will be measured against the Rockefeller idea and found wanting.

Simply put, the public and the Congress do not appear to be ready to accept the decision of a President to embark on a \$20 billion-a-year effort to improve education and re-shape welfare programs. Public and congressional pressures are in the opposite direction — to cut down on government outlays and ease tax pressures.

As a governor, Rockefeller doubtlessly has a state-oriented perspective on the problems that beset the land. His suggestions, therefore, fall upon receptive ears in the other gubernatorial mansions, where the problems of financing education and welfare press even more heavily than in New York.

The inescapable conclusion is that Rockefeller has made Nixon's problems a little more difficult to solve.

DR. COLEMAN

..And Speaking Of Your Health

A letter from one of my readers was pathetically filled with guilt, remorse and sadness. The recent death of her husband had consumed all of her emotional energies. Her exhaustion, after months of concentrated care for her husband, did not sap as much of her energies as did her guilt because she had "lied" to her husband and not told him the truth about his illness.

I am quite certain that her decision not to tell him exactly what was happening was based on a discussion with her doctor and that it was his judgment her husband could be given an extra measure of peace during this difficult time. I wish it were possible for me to relieve her guilt and perhaps I can by telling her that decisions under these circumstances are always hard to make and frequently can be wrong.

Doctors, educators, religious advisors and philosophers have tried to find the perfect approach to this most painful family problem. Each may believe that his answer is the only one. There can be no such dogmatic or definitive solution.

Doctors and families consider all the advantages and disadvantages of telling the total truth with complete frankness. Sadly we have all learned that sometimes patients, who give the appearance of being "the Rock of Gibraltar" types, fall apart, while sensitive, weakling-appearing people can accept the truth with great stoicism and reserve.

To have filled the last days of her husband's life with love, devotion, sincerity and understanding must in some way

relieve that guilt. The decision was made in the hope that it would bring him the greatest peace and solace. It obviously did. Now the sadness of the whole experience must not be compounded to destroy any family happiness that will occur in the future.

When a problem of such magnitude occurs, live by the decision you have made because it was made in complete truth.

Young people, embarrassed and upset by the acne that plagues them, run in every conceivable direction for that quick cure for their social miseries. Doctor William Devorine in Baltimore made some very important suggestions that he lists as the "do's and don'ts" about this condition — ones that he has learned over many years in practice.

Don't go haywire in completely limiting every conceivable type of food until the youngster is plagued both with acne and hunger. Sensible diet and careful elimination can and almost always point to the foods that may be responsible for making an attack of acne worse. Under no circumstances should the patient squeeze blackheads or whiteheads. Hot, wet dressings are better.

The doctor believes that cleanliness, antibiotics, vitamins and plenty of rest are valuable additions to other treatments suggested by physicians.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: Tuberculosis detection is a fifty-two-week campaign; and that is every year that one lives.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and, while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

over two spades and jumped to five diamonds over four clubs.

South should have reasoned that if partner had the ace of hearts and any four diamonds including the king there would be a good chance for not only a small slam but even a grand slam.

For South to assume that his partner lacked both these features was the height of pessimism. Perhaps South was concerned by his opening bid with only 12 high-card points; if so, he shamefully undervalued his 6-6-1-0 distribution.

When Montreal held the North South cards, they also erred on the hand, though in the opposite direction. With East-West silent throughout, the bidding went:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♠	2♠	2NT
3♠	4♠	Pass	5♦

Opening lead—nine of hearts.

Here is another hand from the match played last year by Montreal against a Minneapolis-St. Paul team.

When the Twin Cities team held the North-South cards, the bidding went as shown. Obviously their bidding machinery was somewhat out of gear when they stopped at five diamonds with six virtually a laydown.

It does seem that South underbid his hand quite a bit when he failed to give proper weight to North's highly constructive bidding. North had not only responded one heart, but voluntarily bid two no-trump

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

"One of my most humiliating experiences," recalls the great Jimmy Durante, "came the afternoon a kid at the circus starts shoving peanuts up my schnozzola. I ups to him and says, 'Disist; you is annoyin' me!' The kid pokes his mother and says, 'Whaddya know! Dis here elephant kin talk!'"

Waxing philosophical, Jimmy adds that his famous oversized nose is not always a liability. "I am probably the only man in the country," he boasts, "who can keep a cigar lit while he takes a shower."

At a hick college with a fourth-rate faculty but a first-rate football team, the varsity fullback was a formidable brute who had just about enough sense to sit down when he was tired. Nevertheless, a determined English prof picked on him one morning to name three characters in Malory's classic, "Morte d'Arthur." The fullback pondered deeply, and then came up with a hopeful, "Well, first of all, I guess there was old Mort himself."

CAMPUS CUT-UPS:

From Adelphi:

Lady of the house: Be careful of this dining room table. It goes back to Louis the Fourteenth.

New maid: I understand,

Lady: My whole living room set goes back to Sears the fifteenth!

Factographs

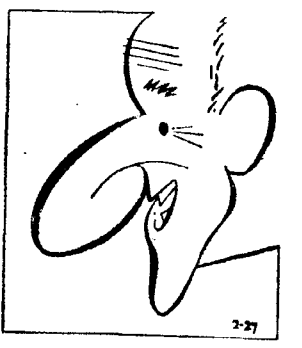
Herbert Hoover was the first U.S. president born in Iowa.

The earliest cavemen had a form of language.

Roscoe Ates, the late movie comedian noted for his stutler, cured himself of this speech defect at the age of 18.

Italy is the top tourist attraction in Europe.

A ream of paper sometimes contains 480 sheets, but more often 500 sheets.



POLICE ASK FOR STUDY OF BONDING SYSTEM



CHIEF McCLARAN
'Let Record Decide'



CHIEF SIEBER
'Raise The Bonds'

Feel Bail Is Set Too Low

Too Many Crimes
By Persons Free
Awaiting Trial

EDITOR'S NOTE: Release on bail of persons accused of crimes is drawing increasing scrutiny. President Nixon has recommended denial of bond in certain cases as a crime preventive measure in Washington, D.C. This is the first in a series of four articles on bonding in Berrien county. It covers police concern on crime by repeaters. Other articles will be on views of the prosecution, judiciary and a bondsman.

By RAY SMETANKA
Staff Writer

In today's crime-conscious society, the rights of the accused and the protection of society are again at loggerheads—this time in the area of bonding.

On one hand there is the constitutional guarantee against the setting of "excessive bail" on defendants, while on the other hand area law enforcement officials say it's time that society's right to be protected receives a higher priority.

In some areas of the country, the controversy is reaching significant proportions where crime rates have risen drastically, notably the District of Columbia.

One proposal, co-sponsored by Fourth District Rep. Edward Hutchinson, is pending in Congress to authorize federal courts to hold without bond defendants who might be expected to commit subsequent crimes if free.

PREVENTIVE DETENTION

This attempted preventive detention of repeaters is primarily intended to combat Washington's startling crime attributed to persons on bail from other offenses.

While perhaps the problem of repeaters is not as acute in Berrien county, some local law enforcement officials are expressing deep concern over rises in "double bond" crime. Benton Harbor Police Chief William McClaran recommends a re-examination of the district court bonding practices, with an eye toward "protecting society from habitual criminals."

His department reports, for example, that there are approximately a dozen cases on the department's pending docket of defendants charged with committing other crimes while on bond.

In one instance, a man was arraigned on a charge of assault and battery for which he was bonded out. He was arrested again the next day for allegedly attacking the same person, and again was bonded out.

McClaran concedes that theoretically the purpose of a bond is just to insure that a defendant appears for trial, but "somewhere society just has to be protected from the habitual criminal."

"The judges here ought to start taking into consideration

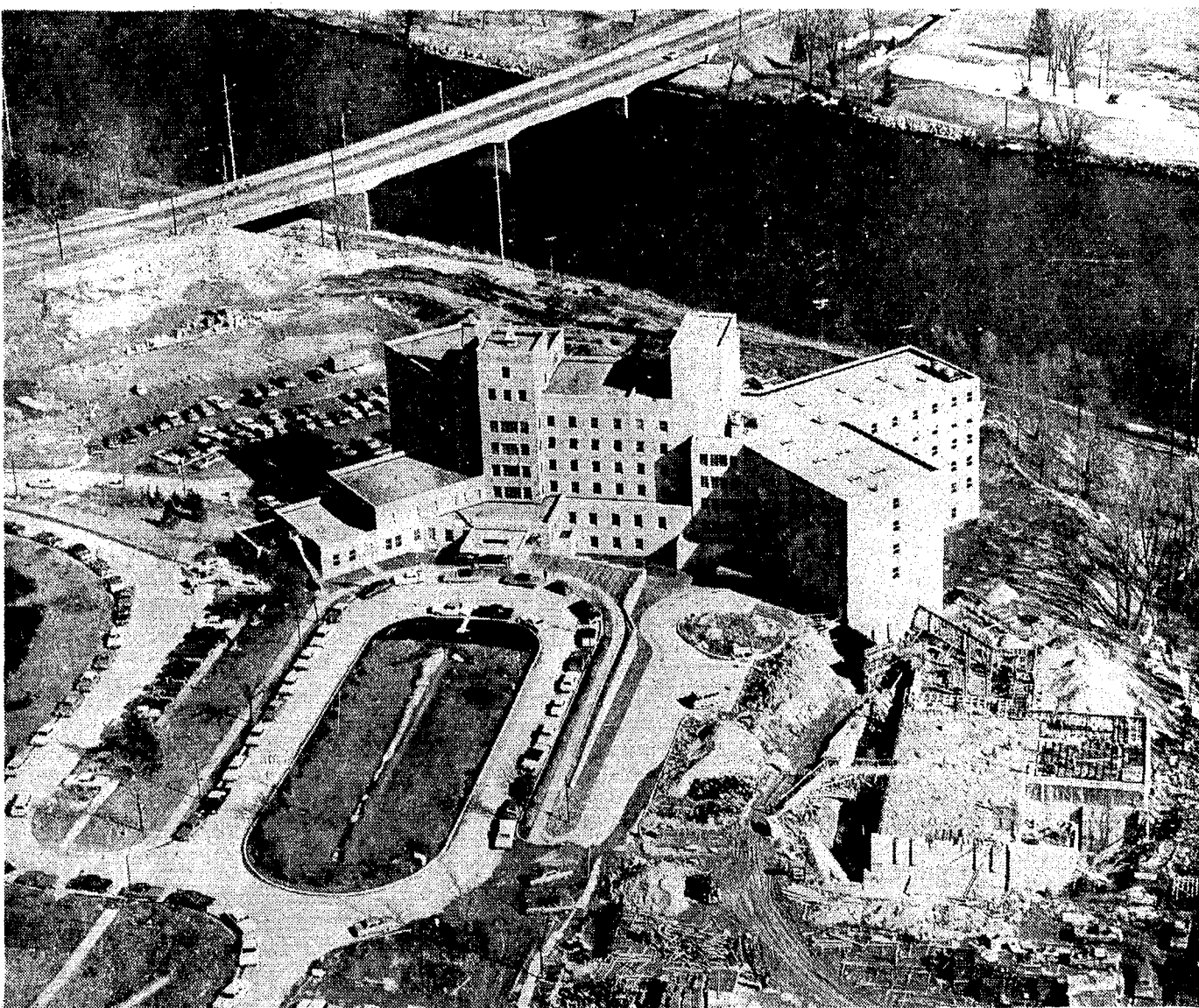
Seek More Bids On Drain Work

Berrien Drain Commissioner Hazen Harner has asked the lone bidder on a highway M-139 storm drain replacement project to hold up the start of construction after Benton township officials objected to the \$17,562.50 bid.

Harner accepted the bid Tuesday from Benton Harbor contractors Yerington & Harris, Inc., to replace a small tile line under M-139 south of Goldblatt's department store, Benton township, with 130 feet of 48-inch pipe. The firm was the only bidder.

Harner said he asked the firm to halt the start of work for several days while he attempts to get a bid from another firm. Benton Supervisor Ray Wilder said Yerington & Harris' bid "sounded awfully high," though "with only one bidder it's hard to tell."

The lone Yerington & Harris bid Tuesday on a similar drain replacement at Nickerson avenue and M-139 was tabled by Harner as too high.



MOVING IN: New wing of Memorial hospital, St. Joseph, is virtually complete. Departments such as pharmacy, laundry and central services have moved into basement quarters; physical therapy, x-ray and outpatient-emergency have moved into new ground floor offices and medical records and purchasing are already in new first floor offices. Second floor is vacant but third

floor will be fully occupied this week. Workmen are completing pouring first floor slab for new mental health wing (lower right). Administrator Robert Bradburn said main parking lot in front of hospital and employees' lot in back will be paved as soon as weather permits. (Aerial photo by Adolph Hann, Hartford)

Asks Change In Project Leaders

Bishop's Demand Draws Little Reaction

By TOM BRUNDRETT
Staff Writer

Demands for a shake-up in the leadership of the Benton Harbor-Benton township Model Cities program last night drew little reaction from among 200 persons attending a special public hearing in the Seely McCord school.

There was applause during the speech containing the demands but the rest of the three-hour session was devoted to two developing problems. No questions were asked by the audience regarding action on the demands and no endorsements were issued.

Program leaders estimated 15-20 persons among the 200

were members or active backers of the Benton Harbor unit of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) which made the demands. Maurice Bishop, chairman of the unit, presented the SCLC position in a 20-minute address opening the hearing.

During the address, Bishop did not name who among the six members of the program's Community Progress Commission (CPC) were under fire. But he said later that the four were Benton Harbor Mayor Wilbert F. Smith, Benton township supervisor Ray Wilder, Mrs. Julia Barnes and Louis Joseph.

The other two CPC members are temporary chairman Richard Peters and George Welch. Bishop had demanded in private conversations with CPC leaders that Ben Davis, newly named director of the program and former director of the state Civil Rights office here, be replaced. The reason apparently involved lack of SCLC approval of the selection.

Bishop made no direct reference to Davis in his address and declined to comment later on Davis' position.

Bishop told the audience the SCLC would work against the program if the leadership changes were not forthcoming. But he described the program as "the greatest thing that ever happened in Benton Harbor."

The special hearing had been called by program leaders in answer to demands by Bishop for a private session to go over the leadership question. The CPC ruled out any private sessions with any specific group.

Peters had no comment on the SCLC demands. But he said the two issues which developed from the meeting were critical. He described them as a "scare tactic" campaign and the need for more specific information on costs and potential revenue sources.

The scare tactic involves

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Supervisor Gives Up Night Job

Berrien County Ninth District Supervisor James H. Stevens, 62, of Benton Harbor said Wednesday that he's quitting a night guard job March 4 to avoid conflicts for his time.

He said he has encountered a number of conflicts between the demands of the job and the supervisor position for his time, and that he prefers to give whatever time is necessary to the county office. He noted jokingly that it interfered with his fishing, too.

Stevens is a retired Benton Harbor fire captain on pension. He has worked as a guard at Benton Harbor Engineering Works since December, 1967, and is a member of the county administration committee and chairman of the ambulance sub-committee. His home is at 542 Sherman court.



MAURICE BISHOP

'Fagin' Sentenced To Prison

A 39-year-old rural Berrien Springs man was sentenced Wednesday in Berrien circuit court to a 9 to 10-year prison term on a burglary conviction.

Jimmie Daniel Logue, a fourth-time convicted felon, has "the distinction of having the worst record I've seen to date," according to Judge Chester J. Byrns.

Logue was convicted by a Berrien circuit jury last November of a Sept. 24, 1963, breaking and entering at Whetstone's garage in Berrien Springs.

Judge Byrns called Logue a "Fagin" after a character of the same name in a Charles Dickens book, "Oliver Twist," who trained youngsters as criminals. Several young men were charged as co-defendants of Logue in the Whetstone burglary.

Logue gets credit against the prison term for 136 days in jail.

Cab Drivers, Women Held

Prostitution, Pandering Charged By Police

Two Twin City Cab drivers and two young women were arrested early today by Benton Harbor police on charges involving prostitution.

Cab drivers Dominic Fosco, 25, and Clyde D. Turner, 47, were booked on charges of pandering as alleged go-betweens for prostitutes and customers.

Booked on charges of prostitution and conspiracy to commit prostitution were Olive Mae Williams, 20, of 1030 East Main street, Benton township, and Renee Lynette Armstrong, 21, of 970 Bishop avenue. The arrest sheet listed Miss Williams' occupation as welfare recipient.

MARKED MONEY

The arrests of the women were made by Det. Sgt. Alfred Edwards and Det. Neil Teske in a stakeout of a room rented by two police informants, who had been issued marked money.

The cab drivers were stopped on the street and arrested by Lt. Alfred Hauwetter and Patrolman Robert Bond. Fare receipts and trip records were confiscated.

Jack Chaddock, owner of the taxi company, told police he does not condone drivers participating in illicit activity.

The charge of pandering carries a maximum prison sentence of 20 years, police said. Prostitution is a misdemeanor. Conspiracy to commit prostitution is a felony involving a prison sentence.

Fosco gave his address as 369 Lincoln avenue, Benton Harbor. Turner lives at 1157 Broadway, Benton Harbor.

Girl Breaks 2 Windows At Store

Two windows were broken at the Columbus service store, 621 Columbus avenue, Benton Harbor, yesterday when a teenage girl swung at a sales clerk with her shoe and missed, striking a window, then threw a shoe through a second window.

Benton Harbor police said Lonna Sue Heinerich, 17, the sales clerk, was kicked by a 13-year-old girl when several girls were asked to leave the store because of profanity.

Police said the girl replied she didn't have to, since the store was a public place, and swung at the sales clerk when she started to direct the girls out of the store. When the girl got outside, she threw the other shoe through the window.

Police released several girls after questioning, saying a complaint would have to be signed.

Benton Heights Man Arrested

Benton Harbor police arrested Paul F. Schmidt, 24, of 1025 Villa court, Benton Heights, yesterday on charges of indecent exposure and possession of pornography. The arrest was made about 8 p.m. in the snack bar at K-Mart.



Boy Admits Assault, Denies Rape

A 13-year-old boy has admitted assaulting a 77-year-old rural Coloma woman in her home last weekend, but he denied raping her. Berrien county sheriff Det. Robert Kimmerly reported today.

The boy, who lives in the general area of the woman's home, was arrested and petitioned to Berrien juvenile court yesterday on a charge of breaking and entering an occupied dwelling.

The elderly woman reported last Saturday that a teenager had broken into her home and beat her with a walking stick. The woman said the youth ripped off her clothes. She was treated at Watervliet community hospital for bruises and a swollen thumb.

Kimmerly said arrangements will be made for the accused boy to have psychiatric tests.

Arrest Man On Trailer Law Violation

Fred E. Hankins, 39, of 717 Lake boulevard, St. Joseph, was arrested yesterday by St. Joseph police on a warrant charging him with violating the city ordinance on the parking of trailers.

The warrant stated Hankins parked a camper trailer on a site not licensed as a trailer camp and kept it there for more than the six weeks allowed without the written permission of the city manager.

Benton Waterline Nearing Completion

The Berrien County Public Works board Wednesday okayed paying another \$137,383.70 in bills on the \$2 million Benton township waterline, bringing total payments to \$1,364,216.59.

Benton Supervisor Ray Wilder said piping is installed but that a \$246,000 standpipe and a \$283,000 pumping station remain to be completed.

The waterline, begun last July 23, is backed by the county's faith and credit and will be paid for by Benton township residents.

Community Relations Unit Retains Officers

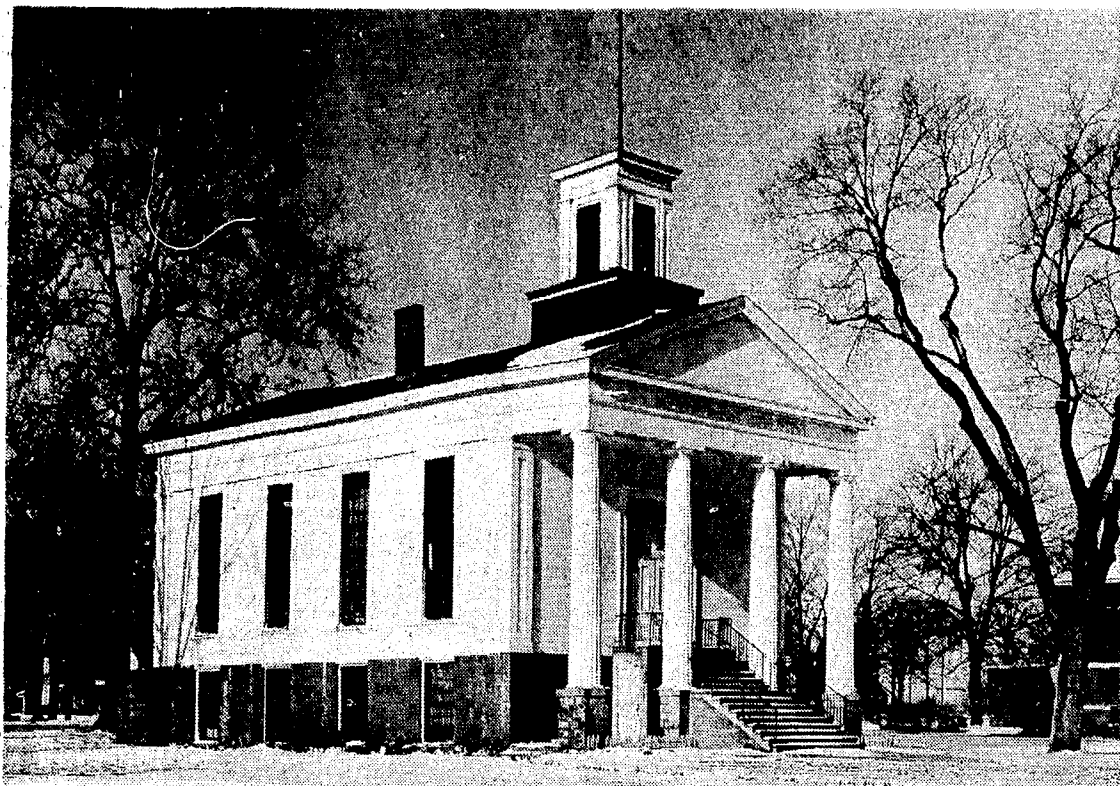
Officers of the Twin Cities Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) were re-elected last night during a brief board meeting in Seely McCord school, Benton Harbor.

Retained were the Rev. Ellis Marshall, chairman; the Rev. Ellis Hull, vice-chairman; John Chiviges, secretary; and Shannon Madison, treasurer.

The board was formed in 1966 during the civil disorders in Benton Harbor and Benton township. It later was sanctioned by the governing bodies of Benton Harbor, Benton township, St. Joseph and St. Joseph township to advise them on human relations problems and possible solutions.

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NILES INCOME TAX IS UP FOR VOTE APRIL 7



HISTORIC BUILDING: The old courthouse in Berrien Springs, constructed in 1838 and used as a courthouse during the years Berrien Springs was the county seat, is to be designated with a state historical marker in the near future, according to Dan I. Porter, president of the Berrien Springs Historical Society. Porter, re-elected Tuesday as president of the local historical society, an office he has held since the society was founded in 1960, said he has sent a request to Lansing for a marker

which is to be placed on the courthouse grounds. The Berrien County Historical Society now has control of the courthouse, and has discussed plans to make it into a museum, Porter said. George Smith, chief of the Berrien Springs volunteer fire department, was elected as vice president of the local historical society, and Mrs. Dan Porter was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Smith will give a history of the fire department at the next meeting of the society in March. (C. A. Oliphant photo)

State's Fair Housing Law
Outlined To Real Estaters

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Michigan Civil Rights commission representatives met last night with approximately 20 members of area real estate firms at the Youth Memorial building in Berrien Springs in an effort to "explain and clarify" the state's fair housing law.

They heard reports from Mrs. Frank Wylie, member of the commission; William Bledsoe, assistant attorney general and general counsel for the commission; and James Rose, director of housing programs for the commission.

Mrs. Wylie said that considerable confusion has arisen about the fair housing law, and that representatives of the commission have been travelling throughout the state in an effort to inform local realtors of their obligations under the law.

She said that the law prohibits discrimination in the sale or rental of housing. The only exception, she said, is contained in the law's "tight living" clause, which exempts owner-occupants of buildings with only one or two rental units.

However, she pointed out that last year's U.S. Supreme Court ruling included these owners under those it prohibited from discriminating "because of race."

COMMISSION'S ROLE

She pointed out that the Civil Rights commission is entrusted with the administration of the law, but is not intended to impose punitive measures on offenders.

"Our job is more to provide

redress of grievances for those who are wronged rather than to punish those who are guilty of the wrongs," she said.

However, she indicated that the commission can impose punitive measures indirectly, by filing reports of violations the

Department of Licensing and Regulation, for example, which could result in the loss of a realtor's license.

She also pointed out that 35 cities in the state have passed open occupancy laws making it a misdemeanor to discriminate in the sale or rental of housing.

Bledsoe pointed out that aside from the recently enacted state fair housing law, there is a state and a U.S. Supreme Court decision on the matter as well as a federal open occupancy law.

FOUR NEW LAWS

"A year ago we had no laws and now we have four," he said. "We have enough laws. Now all we need to do is have the facts soak into the people."

During a question and answer period after the presentation, St. Joseph realtor David Fister, suggested to the panel that despite open occupancy legislation, integration in housing will only become a reality when people change basic thinking patterns.

"We have to have a change in the way people think rather than just the way they talk," he said.

"There are too many people who crucify the public for its prejudices, but when it comes to selling their homes to a Negro wouldn't think of it," he said.

"I've been in the real estate business for 12 years and we're getting more segregated rather than less."

Rose indicated similar feelings, pointing to the fact that in every census since 1940 segregated housing has been on the increase.

"We've become so entrenched in the idea of a segregated housing pattern, that it's going to take a long time to change," Rose said.



EXPLAINS LAW: Mrs. Frank Wylie of Grosse Pointe, member of the Michigan Civil Rights commission, explains state's fair housing law to group of real estate agents meeting at Berrien Springs. (Staff photo)

Deadline For Ballots
Saturday At Buchanan

BUCHANAN — Residents of the Buchanan School District who expect to vote an absentee ballot in the special millage election Tuesday, March 4, must obtain ballots this week, according to Norman Kreager, assistant superintendent of schools. He said 4 p.m. Saturday is the deadline to obtain absentee ballots.

Kreager said applications for absentee ballots are available in the school business office, Room 120 at the high school. If requested an application will be sent to the homes of voters which they must sign and return. Personnel will be in the business office to assist voters between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Saturday.

Completed ballots will be accepted until 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, when the polls close.

The Buchanan board of education is seeking a 4.5-mill increase in taxes for a two-year period to operate the schools. The millage increase and an anticipated increase in state aid would cover the salary increases for teachers and other school personnel, hiring of two new teachers needed for the growing school enrollment next year, and increasing cost of maintaining the present excellent programs in education, board members said.

The present school tax levy of 25.35 mills comes from 9 mills allocated by

the county, 11.85 approved by voters in 1967 for five years, 2.5 mills for building and site fund, and two mills for debt retirement. The budget for the 1968-69 school year, based upon this millage, is \$1,506,354.

The 2.5 mills for building and site fund expired in 1968. If the school board does not request the 2.5 mills be resumed at a later election and the 4.5 mills are approved by voters next Tuesday, the total tax rate for 1969 will be 27.35 mills, only two mills more than levied in 1968.

Kreager said there are approximately 4,000 registered voters in the school district. The polling place will be the high school gymnasium.

\$100 Taken
From Coin
Machines

BRIDGMAN — Over \$100 in change was taken from vending machines at Bowling Green Lanes, Jerico road, Bridgman, between 2 and 10 a.m. Wednesday, according to state police from the New Buffalo post.

Troopers said the break-in was reported by Leonard Osterman of Stevensville, owner of the business place. Osterman told police he found a window on the west side of the building broken when he opened the business at 10 a.m.

The vending machines were heavily damaged and are owned by the Ondrus Amusement company of Union Pier.

Petitions
Put Issue
On Ballot

New Levy Would
Go Into Effect
This Summer

By RALPH LUTZ
Staff Writer

NILES — Niles residents on April 7 will vote on whether to accept or reject a one per cent city income tax.

The tax was adopted by the city council in January, to take effect in July. Opponents of the tax filed petitions to put the matter on the spring election ballot.

The city council, in a special meeting Feb. 18, certified petitions calling for a referendum on the income tax and placed the matter on the ballot. Edwin J. Donahue, a Niles attorney, filed the petitions, containing 532 signatures.

City Clerk Burt Lutz said 490 of the signatures were accepted. Signers had to be registered voters in the city.

Donahue yesterday said he thinks voters will reject the tax, adding that "at least we'll know for sure if it (the tax) is wanted or not."

More than 1,000 persons signed the petitions, put out by Donahue. This was about 700 more than the minimum of 303 names required. Because no more than 605 names could be acquired under law, petitions containing the 532 names were filed with the city.

The legal formula for petition signatures calls for no fewer than 10 per cent and no more than 20 per cent of the total vote cast in the general city election. There were 3,025 votes cast in the last election here.

The tax would put a one per cent levy on incomes of Niles city residents. Persons who live outside the city, but work here, would be assessed a half per cent on income. The council adopted the tax, because the city has reached its maximum 15-mill limit levy under the present charter and more money is felt needed for salary and wage increases for city employees. The tax is expected to produce at least \$364,000 the first year, if it is approved by the voters.

CITY COUNCIL ELECTION
Also to be voted on April 7 will be candidates for four two-year city council posts.

Richard Knott, incumbent Republican from the second ward, will be opposed by George Hoyt, a Democrat. Knott is seeking his second term. In the fourth ward, Robert Bowman, a Republican, and Eugene Grathwohl, a Democrat, will contest for the seat held by Republican William T. Kelly. Kelly is not seeking reelection.

Unopposed are incumbents Ralph Tuttle of the first ward, and Emerson Bowman of the third ward, both Republicans.

On Dean's List

BERRIEN SPRINGS — A Berrien Springs resident is among the 40 Michigan students included on the dean's list at Bob Jones University, Greenville, S.C. He is John Wilmer Hoopengartner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren F. Hoopengartner, 300 South Cass street. Hoopengartner is a freshman in the school of religion.



FIRST CHAPLAIN: The Rev. Allan Miller began his duties this week as the first full-time chaplain at Berrien General hospital, Berrien Center. His work includes visiting, counseling and providing help to patients when needed. Chaplain Miller is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, and a member of the Southwestern Michigan Conservative Ministers Fellowship.



BLOSSOMS AND BEAUTIES: Depicting Southwestern Michigan's annual salute to spring and the fruit industry, the 1968 queen and her court blend their beauty with that of an apple tree in full bloom. From left are Rayana Stanford, New Buffalo, first runnerup; Eileen Joy Heyn, the reigning Miss Blossomtime, and Melinda Sue Bower, Lawrence, the second runner up in last year's pageant. (Staff photo)

Blossom Festival Leads
State's Fun Time List

★ ★ ★ There's Plenty To Do ★ ★ ★

Blossomtime, 1969, southwestern Michigan's annual spring salute to its multi-million dollar fruit producing industry, manufacturing and other attributes of the area, tops a roster of Michigan festivals and events which extends through fall.

This year's Blossom Festival is scheduled Saturday, May 10, through Sunday, May 18.

PLENTY OF ACTION

Highlights are the Blossomtime Charity Horse show May 10 and 11, Key to the Cities tour of more than 30 communities represented by local queens May 13 through 16; Queens fashion show May 14; Kiddies parade and concert featuring The Four Freshmen May 15; baton twirling festival, invitational swim meet, Grand Floral parade, square dance roundup and grand floral ball, all in Benton Harbor and St. Joseph on May 17, and dawn patrol May 18.

The Blossomtime extravaganza is one of more than 200 community events and activities offered to Michigan residents and visitors during the spring and summer. They are listed in the March-September calendar of events just issued by the Michigan Tourist Council.

Concurrent with Blossomtime is Holland's tulip Time festival, May 14 through 17, to pay tribute to the flowers grown in the area and the traditions brought to Michigan as a heritage from early Dutch settlers.

Other highlights are the National Cherry Festival at Traverse City July 7 through 13 and the National Coho Salmon festival at Honor Sept. 25 to 28.

Speed buffs are promised real action at the North American Snowmobile championships, Munising, Feb. 28-March 2; a championship sports-car race at the new International Speedway.

May 11, Cambridge Junction in the Irish Hills, and the World Championship Race for Unlimited Hydroplanes, June 29, in the Detroit River.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Other popular activities listed in the calendar include the National Trout festival, April 25-27, Kalkaska; National Mushroom festival, May 10, Boyne City; the Seaway festival, Muskegon, June 28-July 5; the Waterfront Art fair, Charlevoix, Aug. 9, and the Old car Festival, Sept. 6-7, Greenfield Village, Dearborn.

More than 60 county and community fairs are listed in the calendar as well as the Upper Peninsula State Fair, Escanaba, Aug. 12-17, and the Michigan State fair, Detroit, Aug. 22-Sept. 1.

Free copies of the Michigan calendar of events are available from the Michigan Tourist Council, Stevens T. Mason Building, Lansing 48926.

\$39.4 Million Budgeted
For Covert Atom Plant

KALAMAZOO — Consumers Power Co. this year will spend \$39.4 million to complete construction of its Palisades nuclear generating plant in Covert township.

Arthur H. Lee, Consumers Power Co. Kalamazoo division manager, announced the cost and reported that the plant now is about 60 per cent completed. Lee said the plant is expected to be in operation next year, with an initial capacity of 710,000 kilowatts.

Work, meanwhile, is continuing on an electric department project to provide a 345,000-volt steel tower transmission line between the Palisades plant and connections with other utilities at points south of Detroit.

The high-capacity transmission loop, said Lee, will strengthen the interconnect-

ed electric system of the Michigan Power pool. He said Consumers Power Co. and Detroit Edison Co. are the principal members of this pool.

LARGEST SHARE

Lee said the \$39.4 million is by far the largest share of \$54.8 million allocated by Consumers Power officials for construction in the Kalamazoo division this year.

In its statewide service area, Lee said the utility firm this year will spend more than \$200 million for improvement of electric and natural gas systems. The firm provides electric service to more than 1,032,000 customers and has nearly 800,000 natural gas customers in an area that includes 67 of the 68 counties in Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

In the Kalamazoo division, Lee said, about 1,700

new gas customers will be added with the construction of 25 miles of gas mains. He said this division now provides gas service to 45,700 customers and electric service to 86,300 customers over an area of 1,800 square miles.

Construction this year will begin on a second 20,000 kilowatt gas-fired turbine generating unit at the B.E. Morrow plant at Comstock. Also, mounting interest in underground electric service will result in an estimated 910 new connections, Lee said, adding that about 2,400 new electric customers will be added in the division.

To keep up with growth in the Kalamazoo area, a 138,000-volt substation will be constructed at 11th street and KL avenue, while capacity will be increased in 18 distribution substations.